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SUBJECT: IDAHO TRADE GROUP

1. FORMER IDAHO REPRESENTATIVE RALPH HARDING HAS INFORMED US THAT IDAHO IS PLANNING SEND SMALL STATE TRADE GROUP TO TEHRAN APRIL 30-MAY 6. GOVERNOR CECIL ANDRUS AND SENATOR MCCLURE WILL BE IN PARTY WHICH WILL VISIT ONLY IRAN. GROUP, WHICH HAS CONFIRMED HOTEL RESERVATIONS, WILL SPECIALIZE IN HOUSING/CONSTRUCTION, AGRICULTURE (PARTICULARLY POTATOES AND PROCESSING), MINING AND RECREATION. ALL MEMBERS WILL BE CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF THEIR FIRMS.

2. GROUP IS PRIVATE EFFORT AND WILL NOT SEEK IOGA STATUS. HARDING AND WAYNE MITTLEIDER, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE GOVERNOR, WILL VISIT IRAN AS ADVANCE PARTY. ARRIVAL TIME WILL BE SENT LATER. THEY, TOGETHER WITH SENATOR MCCLURE, MET WITH AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI WHO HAS PROMISED FULL COOPERATION AND WILL REQUEST AUDIENCE WITH SHAH OR MEETING WITH COURT MINISTER. MORRISON KNUDSEN OFFICE IN TEHRAN WILL ACT AS LOCAL COORDINATOR FOR VISIT.

3. GOVERNOR INTENDS INVITE IRANIAN CONTACTS TO VISIT IDAHO FOR FOLLOW UP TALKS AT SUN VALLEY.

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4. THEY WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE. WE SHALL
PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS ON GROUP AND SPECIFIC INTERESTS
AS THEY ARE FIRMED UP. KISSINGER

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